

## Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	7559	Agenda Number	42.
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011				
Department:	Office of Real Estate Services				

## Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the South IH-35 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Project to acquire a 0.768-acre for a permanent waterline easement and 0.507-acre for a temporary working space easement out of the Trinidad Varcinas Survey No. 535, Abstract No. 785, in Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$58,125. The owner of the needed property interests is LIZARD CRAWL, LLC. The property is located east of IH-35, north of F.M. 1327 and SH 45 SE, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

## Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: For More Information: Brenda Baker 974-1175; Joe Hoepken 972-1168; Lauraine Rizer 974-7078; Amanda Glasscock Information: 974-7173. Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: Related Items: Additional Backup Information

The southern area of the City of Austin's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), specifically along and east of I-35, is currently experiencing significant development. At this time water and wastewater utility infrastructure is not in place to handle this development. Austin Water Utility has developed the South IH-35 Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Project to address the anticipated needs for both water and wastewater infrastructure in this area.

Design plans for the South IH-35 Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Project require the acquisition of a permanent waterline easement and a temporary working space easement on the property located east of IH-35, north of F.M. 1327 and SH 45 SE, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the necessary easements. The City and the property owner are unable to agree on the value of the necessary acquisitions. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.